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SUBJECT:STEVEN A. HAUKNES

FOLLOWING MESSAGES RECEIVED FOR YOU:

FOR MR. AND MRS. HAUKNES:

"I KNOW WHAT A TRIAL THE LONG, TRAGIC PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY THAT HAS JUST ENDED HAS BEEN FOR YOU. STEVE WAS MORE THAN JUST AN ASSOCIATE TO CHUCK CROSS, NORMAN ACHILLES AND ME DURING THE TIME HE WAS VICE CONSUL IN DANANG. HE WAS OUR FRIEND, SOMEONE WHO WAS ALWAYS READY TO ENCOURAGE US WHEN WE WERE DOWN. STEVEN WAS INDEED A CREDIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OUR COUNTRY. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ON THIS DAY AND WILL BE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

-- SPENCE RICHARDSON (FUKUOKA,JAPAN)"

FOR ALPHA HAUKNES:

"DURING THE YEARS STEVE HAS BEEN MISSING, YOU KNOW FROM MY LETTERS WHAT I THOUGHT OF HIM AND I ASK YOU TO REMEMBER THAT RATHER THAN ME TRYING TO WRITE WORDS THAT JUST WON'T COME, I HAVE ADMIRERD THE STRENGTH AND COURAGE YOU HAVE SHOWN DURING THE YEARS BETWEEN 1968 AND PRESENT. I KNOW YOU ARE STARTING A NEW LIFE AND I AM SURE IT WILL BE A HAPPY ONE.

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SHARON JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR LOVE TO YOU AND THE BOYS.

-- SPENCE "
FOR ALL OF YOU:

"I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT YOUR LONG SUFFERED UNCERTAINTY
HAS ENDED AT LAST. STEVE LEFT AN INSPIRING MEMORY OF
OPTIMISM, DEDICATION AND INTEGRITY FOR ALL OF US WHOSE
LIVES HE TOUCHED. I AM WITH YOU IN SPIRIT AND JOIN YOU IN
HUMBLE PRAYER AND ADMIRATION FOR HIS UNDYING SPIRIT WHICH
MADE THIS MORTAL LIFE BETTER."

-- AMB. PHIL MANHARD (PORT LOUIS,
-- MAURITIOUS)

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